

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Youth Exchange Programmes

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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of International Youth Exchange Programme completed/conducted by the Government in the country during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the details of Countries/Organisations/Departments and the number of youths who participated in the said programmes in the country and abroad during the said period;
- (c) the salient features of BRICS Youth Summit;
- (d) the number of delegations which visited the country for the BRICS Youth Summit during the last three years and the current year, country-wise; and
- (e) the total expenditure incurred by the Government for conducting the International Youth Exchange Programmes and BRICS Youth Summit during the last six years in the country along with the budgetary allocation for the said programmes during the said period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
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(a) & (b) The Department of Youth Affairs in collaboration with foreign countries organizes International Youth Exchange Programme (IYEP). During the last three years and current year IYEP had been organized with China, S.Korea, Maldives, Russia, S.Lanka, Bahrain, Nepal, Palestine, Vietnam, Kuwait & Bangladesh.

The details of Youth Exchange programmes conducted under the International Youth Exchange Programme (IYEP) by Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports for the last three years and current year are given below:

<pre>Year Youth Exchange Programmes conducted Indian delegates sent to other countries Foreign delegates received in India
2014-15 3 118 221
2015-16 7 240 385
2016-17 9 356 453
2017-18 6 286 100</pre>

During the last 3 years and current year, meritorious students from Indian Institute of Technology, Indian Institute of Management & National Institute of Technology across India etc. as received from Ministry of Human Resource Development were part of the International Youth Exchange Programme. Similarly, media persons and cultural artists recommended by Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Indian Institute of Mass Communication, cultural artist from ICCR and young scientists from Ministry of Science and Technology also were included in the Indian Youth Delegation. The Indian Delegations also had youth volunteers from Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) and from National Service Scheme (NSS) which include Republic Day participants, Cultural Artists & IGNSS

Awardees, students from Jawaharlal Nehru University, University of Delhi, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Banaras Hindu University, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, AIIMS, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, National Institute of Fashion Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Gujarat University and other reputed educational institutions. Youth Leaders from different Organizations working for the youth development were also part of the programme.

(c) Main objectives of BRICS Youth Summit are ;

- I. To strengthen communication in youth affairs among the BRICS nations for accelerating and sustaining socioeconomic development.
- II. To promote strengthening of comprehension, cooperation and friendship between youth of BRICS countries;
- III. To encourage humanitarian co-operation of youth of BRICS countries;
- IV. To form a framework of co-operation in the field of youth policy between BRICS countries;
- V. To promote development of affiliated relations of BRICS countries with other strategic partners on youth affairs in outreach.
- VI. To develop a general approach within other multilaterals international youth affairs.

(d) The first BRICS Youth Summit was held at Kazan, Russia from 1-5 July, 2015. Department of Youth Affairs has hosted the BRICS Youth Summit only once, which was organised at Delhi and Guwahati India from 29th June to 4th July, 2016. The youth delegations

from Brazil, Russia, China & S.Africa attended the BRICS Youth Summit 2016.

(e) There is no separate budget head for BRICS Youth Summit.

This section has the same budget head for IYEP & BRICS Youth Summit and the details of budgetary allocation and expenditure for the last six years are as under;

<pre> (Rs. in lakhs)

Year Funds allocated Funds utilized

2012-13 385.00 251.00

2013-14 385.00 298.00

2014-15 280.00 280.00

2015-16 600.00 597.00

2016-17 850.00 724.00

2017-18 850.00 275.00*

*: as on 24.07.2017</pre>
